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THE CULTIVATION AND USE OF HABITS.

Lk.4:16 As his custom was.

Intro. The whole life of Jesus felt the force of habit. Laid in certain grooves. "As his custom was He went into the symogogue on the Sabbath."
"My very meat is to do the will of my Father."
"He did always the things which pleased the Fath"
"He went about doing good"
Custom ruled the life of Jesus even to small details. Apart from habit Jesus would not have become the Christ.

Our text reveals more that a great fact in the life of Jesus- it shows how intimately habit is bound up wiih life. Psychologists tell us that life is but a bundle of habits. We are habit-controlled.

Last nite we could'nt find the milk on the front porch. Everything we do-including our thinking, our feeling and our acting-we soon learn to do in a certain way until our doings become habits.
We are like the trains running on tracks.
We are like the Colorado River.
How about auto-driving on hard pavement? Even that becomes habitual.

The hardest thing we can do in life is to change our habits. And yet it can be done. And in the changing of our habits to better ones is found the secret of our progress and salvation.
Health breaks down and the doctor orders a strict diet- no coffee, no sugar, no meat, etc.
One is siezed with the determination to accomplish a certain aim, to achieve a given purpose, and he forces himself into an entirely new set of habits, which make him to appear altogether a changed person. And he is changed.

Why should'nt we establish ourselves in the proper set of habits for practical Xn living as we do for a business or a professional career?
For example, take church-going and store-going. Every morning the man is at his store on time ready for business. He may not feel like it, he may have a headache, or want to go fishing or to a base-ball game, but no, he must be at his store and tend to business. Whether he feels like it or nt, he is

absorbed, alert and devoted.

But look at this same man in his church-going. What a contrast! The slighest provocation or inducement keeps him from going to church. Headache, etc. And when he does go, his mind is not on the service or the sermon and he is more or less bored by it. He goes once in a while merely out of sense of duty or shame, or to keep peace in the famil

If we would seek our self-improvement, if we would establish our habits for higher living as faithfully as we do our business habits, what a different type of Xn we might be! We should learn what set of habits make for exemplary living, then proceed to practice them until they become our personal habits-as easily performed as any other of our daily customs.

The apostle Peter tells us in his second letter that we should add to our faith

1. VIRTUE. By virtue we mean purity. Old meaning-Courage. Purity and Courage go together. The two give us strength.

2. And to your vitue Knowledge, as a seeker after Truth, as it is found in God, in man, in nature. A true seeker of Truth is himself truthful. A man's truthfulness is his bond, his guarantee to others that he can be trusted. No liar can be truly erudite- he may be well-informed but not learned.

3. And to your knowledge-SELF-CONTROL.

4. And to your self-control, ~~GODLINESS~~. PATIENCE. ~~Godlikeness, as it is shown to us in Jesus Christ. Christ~~ likeness. Stick-to-itiveness.

5. And to your ~~godliness~~ patience GODLINESS. Godlikeness, as best revealed in Christ-Christlikeness.

6. And to your godliness add BROTHERLY KINDNESS. ~~/Love/of/the/brethren/Love/of/our/fellow/men/~~ Tender and kind to all.

7. And to your brotherly kindness LOVE. Love of the brethren- Christ's love of the brethren included all of God's children of earth. Jesus was a real humanitarian.

Church-going, studying the Bible, prayer, Xn service are the means by which we can establish ourselves in the

Xn virtues until our very lives become living epistles of the Word of God, to be read of all men as an inspiration and incentive to godly living.